

TRAVERSE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
HALLOWEEN NEWS RELEASE
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Halloween will be celebrated on Monday, October 31, 2016, within the city limits of Traverse City. The Trick-or-Treating hours will be from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

We ask the participating city residents to please turn porch lights on promptly at 5:00 p.m. and turn them off promptly at 8:00 p.m.

The National Confectioners Association and the Chocolate Manufacturers Association have established the following safety tips to help make this Halloween a safe and enjoyable holiday for our children.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

COSTUME SAFETY:

- o Use make-up or face paint instead of masks, but if masks are used, make sure they fit properly and have holes large enough for mouth and eyes.**
- o Choose costumes that are marked flame retardant.**
- o Wear light-colored clothing at night, short enough to prevent tripping. Add reflective tape or reflectors to dark colored costumes.**
- o Make props such as daggers or swords out of cardboard, rather than metal or wood.**

TRICK-OR-TREATING SAFETY:

- o Give and accept wrapped or packaged candy only.**
- o Have children bring treats home for adult inspection before they are eaten.**
- o Adults should accompany small and elementary school age children when they are trick-or-treating and send older children in groups.**
- o Go out in daylight and carry a flashlight in case of delay.**
- o Have children stay within the neighborhood; only visit homes you know.**
- o Watch for traffic.**
- o Keep costumed children away from pets. The pet may not recognize the children and become frightened.**